

**Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231**  
**June 9, 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Education of Rochelle Community Consolidated School District #231 in Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois met via virtual meeting participation for the regular session on June 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. This virtual meeting was held due to Covid19 Illinois Executive Order No 8. Upon roll call: Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mrs. Tess - absent; Mr. Builta - present; Mr. Zepeda - present; Mrs. Reif - present; Mr. VanHise - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 6; Absent - 1.

Assistant Superintendent Doyle and Business Manager Dale were also present.

It was motioned by Mr. Zepeda and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the proposed agenda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Reif to approve the May 12, 2020 Board of Education Monthly Meeting minutes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "B")

**Communications:** Thank you notes from Jill Schwartz, Kent Lodico family and Scott Bowers family were presented.

**Audience Comments:** No audience was present due to the virtual meeting.

**Special Reports/Updates:**

1. Alternative/Remote Learning Update:

Assistant Superintendent Doyle presented an update in regards to alternative/remote learning. He reviewed some of the challenges the district is facing and stated we are waiting to hear more guidance from ISBE and CDC. He also stated they are trying to keep all of their options open and working to have different scenarios available.

**Consent Agenda:** It was motioned by Mr. VanHise and seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to approve the following Consent Agenda as presented:

1. It was approved to pay the bills as presented by Assistant Superintendent Doyle. (Ex. "C")
2. It was approved to accept this month's financial reports as presented by Assistant Superintendent Doyle. (Ex. "D")
3. The below Personnel Report was approved as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Doyle

## **I. CERTIFICATED**

### **Resignation**

Caitlin Paxton Physical Education (Part-time) at May and Tilton Schools

### **Employment**

Kevin Hunt 8th Grade Social Studies

### **Family Leave Request**

Eryn Harper 3 weeks leave

## **II. SUPPORT STAFF**

### **Resignation**

Jazmene Villareal Carpenter Paraprofessional at Stepping Stones at Lincoln

### **Family Leave Request**

Daisy Belmonte Six weeks leave

## **III. EXTRACURRICULAR**

### **Employment**

Kevin Hunt Head Soccer Coach  
Head 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach  
Jonathan Gehm Assistant Soccer Coach

4. It was approved to accept the School Treasurer's Bond for 2020-2021.
5. It was approved to accept the End of the Year Action and Resolutions:
  1. Resolution Establishing a Working Cash Fund
  2. Resolution Closing Out the Petty Cash Fund for 2019-2020
  3. Resolution Establishing a Petty Cash Fund for 2020-2021
  4. Resolution Authorizing the Superintendent to Invest District Funds for the 2020-2021 Year
  5. Resolution Establishing a Depository for Grade School Account
  6. Authorization to Apply for Federal and State Funds
  7. Title IX - Equal Rights Resolution
  8. Financial Responsibility for the Transportation of our Special Education Students
  9. Approval of District Risk Management Plan

Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "E")

## Action Items:

1. After lying on the table for one month it was motioned by Mr. Builta and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the lastest board policy updates provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards, Press Plus. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "F")
2. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mrs. Vaughn to hire WIPFLI of Dixon, IL to perform the 2020-2021 District's audit, not to exceed \$15,000. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "G")
3. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to table the vote for Foley and Foley for general school law until next month and to approve Fearer, Nye and Chadwick of Rochelle for general legal law; Robbins, Schwartz of Chicago for property tax appeals and general school law; Zukowski Law from Peru, IL for TIF district laws for the 2020-2021 school year. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "H")
4. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to designate the Central Bank Illinois, Stillman Bank of Rochelle, Holcomb State Bank, First State Bank, and the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund as depositories for our money and investments for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "I")
5. It was motioned by Mr. Zepeda and seconded by Mr. VanHise to accept the proposed Board of Education meeting dates listed below for the 2020-2021 school year and meet at 7:00 pm in the Rochelle Middle School Media Center:

Tuesday, July 14, 2020  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020  
Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
Tuesday, February 9, 2021  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021

In the event of continued COVID19 closures and/or social distancing, the board authorizes the superintendent to host meetings from the D212 Board Room. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "J")

6. Board President Casey appointed Mr. Builta and Mrs. Vaughn to the Ad Hoc Committee to review the closed session minutes before the July school board meeting.
7. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve Jodee Craven to continue to be our HUB Program grant evaluator. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "K")
8. It was motioned by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mrs. Reif to approve the contracts of Breynn Biaocco, Seth Gittleson, and Roxanna Contreras as HUB program site coordinators for FY21. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "L")
9. It was motioned by Mrs. Reif and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to approve the bilingual teacher aide job description as presented. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "M")

**Discussion Items:** No discussion items were presented.

**Executive Session:**

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Builta to enter into Executive Session at 7:21 pm for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining, pending legal action, student discipline, and other exceptions to the Open Meetings Act. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Vaughn and seconded by Mr. Zepeda to go out of Executive Session at 7:51 pm and return to regular session. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

**Action Resulting From Executive Session:** No action was taken from Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mr. Builta moved adjournment and it was seconded by Mr. Zepeda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mrs. Reif - aye; Mr. VanHise - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-6; Nay-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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David Casey, Board President

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Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary